

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method, comprising:

generating a request at a user terminal device for retrieving information stored in at least one data store in another device,

transmitting said generated request to said other device, which is specified by a predefined address information thereof; and

applying said retrieved information received by said user terminal device to configure one or more applications executable thereat to enable said applications accessing said at least one data store to obtain data of at least one content type therefrom,

wherein said request comprises:

at least one data store descriptor suitable for characterizing said at least one data store, said at least one data store descriptor identifying at least one content type of data stored in said at least one data store; and

a command for instructing said other device to identify at least one data store matching said at least one data store descriptor, to retrieve information relating to said at least one identified data store and to return said retrieved information relating to said at least one identified data store to said user terminal device,

wherein said information relating to said at least one identified data store comprises address information of said at least one data store relative to said predefined address information of said other device, and

wherein data of said at least one content type is provided at said user terminal device.

2. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said generating comprises:

identifying said at least one data store descriptor to be coded.

3. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said at least one data store descriptor comprises at least one data type descriptor relating to at least one data content type.

4. (previously presented) The method according to claim 3, wherein said data type descriptor is a multipurpose Internet mail extension content type definition.

5. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said retrieved information relating to said at least one data store includes an address information for enabling access to said at least one data store.

6. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said request is based on the synchronization markup language protocol.

7. (previously presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein said command of said request is a modified ALERT command having a specific ALERT CODE and includes a META element containing a TYPE element for defining said at least one data store descriptor.

8. (withdrawn) A method for generating a response by a second device containing information relating to at least one data store in response to receiving a request for information of said at least one data store from a first device via a communication network, characterized by:

- identifying at least one data store matching with at least one data store descriptor included in said received request;
- in case said at least one data store matches with said at least one data store descriptor:

retrieving information relating to said at least one identified data store from said at least one identified data store;

- in case no data store matches with said at least one data store descriptor: generating information relating to said at least one data store descriptor informing about said unsuccessfully matching;
- generating said response including said information; and
- transmitting said generated response to said first device.

9. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 8, characterized in that said request is a request according to claim 1.

10. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 8, characterized in that said at least one data store descriptor comprises at least one data type descriptor relating to at least one data content type.

11. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 8, characterized in that said information relating to said at least one data store includes address information for enabling said first device to access said at least one data store.

12. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 8, wherein said response is based on the synchronization markup language (SyncML) protocol.

13. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 12, characterized in that said response includes at least one STATUS element including a SOURCE element including an address information of said at least one identified data store, wherein said address information is coded as a sequence including at least one of a uniform resource identifier (URI) and a uniform resource name (URN).

14. (canceled)

15. (canceled)

16. (currently amended) A computer readable storage medium storing program code, said program code for execution by a processor, such that when executed causes the processor to perform is:

~~for~~ generating a request at a user terminal device for retrieving information stored in at least one data store in another device,

~~for~~ transmitting said generated request to said other device which is specified by a predefined address information thereof, and

~~for~~ applying retrieved information received by said user terminal device to configure one or more applications executable thereat to enable said applications accessing said at least one identified data store to obtain data of at least one content type therefrom,

wherein said request comprises:

at least one data store descriptor suitable for characterizing said at least one data store, said at least one data store descriptor identifying at least one content type of data stored in said at least one data store; and

a command for instructing said other device to identify at least one data store matching said at least one data store descriptor, to retrieve information relating to said at least one identified data store and to return said retrieved information relating to said at least one identified data store to said user terminal device,

wherein said information relating to said at least one identified data store comprises address information of said at least one data store relative to said predefined address information of said other device, and

wherein data of said at least one content type is provided at said user terminal device.

17. (currently amended) A user terminal device, comprising:

a request generating component ~~for generating~~ configured to generate a request for retrieving information stored in at least one data store in another device;

a network interface ~~for transmitting~~ configured to transmit said request to said other device which is specified by a predefined address information thereof; and

a processor ~~for applying~~ configured to apply said retrieved information received by said user terminal to configure one or more applications executable thereat to enable said applications accessing said at least one identified data store to obtain data of at least one content type therefrom;

wherein said request generating component comprises:

a component ~~for including~~ configured to include at least one data store descriptor in said request, said descriptor being suitable for characterizing said at least one data store, said at least one data store descriptor identifying at least one content type of data stored in said at least one data store; and

a component ~~for including~~ configured to include a command into said request, said command instructing said other device to identify at least one data store in accordance with said at least one data store descriptor, to retrieve information relating to said at least one identified data store and to return said retrieved information relating to said at least one identified data store to said user terminal device,

wherein said information relating to said at least one identified data store comprises address information of said at least one data store relative to said predefined address information of said other device, and

wherein data of said at least one content type is provided at said user terminal device.

18. (canceled)

19. (withdrawn) A device for generating a response containing information relating to at least one data store in response to receiving a request for information of said at least one data store from a first device, comprising:

- a network interface for receiving said request and for transmitting said response; and
- a response generating component for generating said response characterized by
 - a component for identifying at least one data store matching with at least one data store descriptor included in said received request;
 - a component for retrieving information relating to said at least one identified data store; and
 - a component for including said retrieved information relating to said at least one identified data store, said component being comprised in said response generating component.

20. (withdrawn) A device according to claim 19, wherein said device is adapted to perform the method according to claim 8.

21. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

retrieving data stored on said at least one identified data store using said one or more configured applications executed on said user terminal device in a subsequent process.

22. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said retrieved information relating to said at least one identified data store includes at least one of access control information, access right information, data store preferences and data store properties.

23. (currently amended) A user terminal device, comprising:

means for generating a request for retrieving information stored in at least one data store in another device;

means for transmitting said request to said other device which is specified by a predefined address information thereof; and

means for applying said retrieved information received by said user terminal to configure one or more applications executable thereat to enable said applications accessing said at least one identified data store to obtain data of at least one content type therefrom;

wherein said means for generating a request comprises:

means for including at least one data store descriptor in said request, said descriptor being suitable for characterizing said at least one data store, said at least one data store descriptor identifying at least one content type of data stored in said at least one data store; and

means for including a command into said request, said command instructing said other device to identify at least one data store in accordance with said at least one data store descriptor, to retrieve information relating to said at least one identified data store and to return said retrieved information relating to said at least one identified data store to said user terminal device,

wherein said information relating to said at least one identified data store comprises address information of said at least one data store relative to said predefined address information of said other device, and

wherein data of said at least one content type is provided at said user terminal device.